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For :	TIGHT SHOE LACE-UP DEVICE)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of filing fees and prior to the first examination of the instant application, please enter the following amendment, which deletes multiple dependent claim relationships:

In the Claims:

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ~~add~~ new claims 11-20 as follows:

11. A lace-up device adapted to equip footwear, the footwear including two portions to be brought closer together with said device, said device comprising:

a tightening zone comprising return elements positioned on said portions;

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